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2. Ground lying at rest.
Within an ancient forest's ample verge,
There stands a lonely but a healthful dwelling,
Built for convenience, and the use of life;
Around it fallows, meads, and pastures fair,
A little garden, and a limpid brook,
By nature's own contrivance seems dispos'd. *Row's J. Shore.*
To FALLOW. *v. n.* To plow in order to a second plowing.
Begin to plow up fallows: this first fallowing ought to be
very shallow. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
But the ground ought to be well plowed and followed the
Summer before. *Mortimer.*
FALLOWNESS. *n. f.* [from fallow.] Barrenness; an exemp-
tion from bearing fruit.
Like one, who, in her third widowhood, doth profess
Herself a nun, ty'd to retiredness. *Donne.*
S' affects my muse now a chaste fallowness.
FALSE. *adj.* [falsus, Latin; faux, fausse, French.]
1. Not morally true; expressing that which is not thought.
Innocence shall make
False accusation blush, and tyranny
Tremble at patience. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*
There are false witnesses among men. *L'Estrange.*
2. Not physically true; conceiving that which does not exist.
For how can that be false, which every tongue
Of every mortal man affirms for true?
Which truth hath in all ages been so strong,
As, loadstone like, all hearts it ever drew. *Davies.*
A farce is that in poetry which grotesque is in a picture:
the persons and action of a farce are all unnatural, and the
manners false; that is, inconsistent with the characters of
mankind. *Dryden's Dufresnoy.*
3. Supposititious; succedaneous.
Take a vessel, and make a false bottom of coarse canvass:
fill it with earth above the canvass. *Bacon's Nat. History.*
4. Deceiving expectation.
The heart of man looks fair to the eye; but when we
come to lay any weight upon't, the ground is false under us.
L'Estrange, Fable 54.
5. Not agreeable to rule, or propriety.
Now, fy upon my false French; by mine honour, in true
English, I love thee, Kate. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*
6. Not honest; not just.
What thou would'st highly,
That thou would'st holily; would'st not play false,
And yet would'st wrongly win. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
The true prince may, for recreation sake, prove a false
thief; for the poor abuses of the times want countenance.
Shakespeare's Henry IV. p. i.
Men are sponges, which, to pour out, receive;
Who know false play, rather than lose, deceive. *Donne.*
7. Treacherous; perfidious; traitorous; deceitful; hollow.
I grant him bloody,
Luxurious, avaricious, false, deceitful,
Sudden, malicious, smacking of every sin
That has a name. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
False of heart, light of ear, bloody of hand. *Shakespeare.*
A man to whom he had committed the trust of his person,
in making him his chamberlain; this man, no ways disgraced,
no ways discontent, no ways put in fear, turns false unto
him. *Bacon's Henry VII.*
So hast thou cheated Thebes with a wife,
Against thy vow, returning to beguile
Under a borrow'd name; as false to me,
So false thou art to him who set thee free. *Dryden.*
The ladies will make a numerous party against him, for
being false to love in forsaking Dido. *Dryd. Virg. Æn. Ded.*
8. Counterfeit; hypocritical; not real.
False tears true pity moves: the king commands
To loose his fetters. *Dryden's Æn. b. ii.*
9. In all these senses true is the word opposed.
To FALSE. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To violate by failure of veracity.
Is't not enough that to this lady mild,
Thou falsed half thy faith with perjury. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
2. To deceive.
Fair seemly pleasure each to other makes,
With goodly purposes there as they sit;
And in his falsed fancy he, her takes
To be the fairest wight that lived yet. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
3. To defeat; to balk; to shift; to evade, as fencers commonly
do.
But, Guyon, in the heat of all his strife,
Was wary wife, and closely did await
Advantage, whilst his foe did rage most rife;
Sometimes athwart, sometimes he strook him traits,
And falsed oft his blows t' illude him with such bait. *F. Q.*
4. This word is now out of use.
FALSHARTED. *adj.* [false and heart.]
1. Treacherous; perfidious; deceitful; hollow.
The traitorous or treacherous, who have misled others,
are severely punished; and the neutrals and falshearted friends

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- and followers, who have started aside like a broken bow, he
noted. *Bacon's Advice to Villiers.*
FALSHOOD. *n. f.* [from false.]
1. Want of truth; want of veracity.
All deception in the course of life is, indeed, nothing else
but a lie reduced to practice, and falshood passing from words
to things. *South's Sermons.*
2. Want of honesty; treachery; deceitfulness; perfidy.
3. A lie; a false assertion.
FALSIFY. *adv.* [from false.]
1. Contrarily to truth; not truly.
Simcon and Levi spake not only falsely but insidiously, nay
hypocritically, abusing profelytes and religion. *Gov. of Tongue.*
Already were the Belgians on our coast,
Whose fleet more mighty every day became
By late success, which they did falsify boast,
And now by first appearing seem'd to claim. *Dryd. Ann Mir.*
Tell him, I did in vain his brother move,
And yet he falsify said he was in love;
Falsify; for had he truly lov'd, at least
He would have giv'n one day to my request. *Dryd. Aureng.*
Such as are treated ill, and upbraided falsify, find out an
intimate friend that will hear their complaints, and endeavour
to sooth their secret resentments. *Addison's Spectator.*
2. Erroneously; by mistake.
He knows that to be inconvenient which we falsify think
convenient for us. *Smolridge's Sermons.*
3. Perfidiously; treacherously; deceitfully.
FALSNESS. *n. f.* [from falsify.]
1. Contrariety to truth.
2. Want of veracity; violation of promise.
Suppose the reverse of virtue were solemnly enacted, and
the practice of fraud and rapine, and perjury and falseness to
a man's word, and all vice were established by a law, would
that which we now call vice gain the reputation of virtue, and
that which we now call virtue grow odious to human na-
ture? *Tillotson, Sermon 3.*
3. Duplicity; deceit; double dealing.
Piety is opposed to hypocrisy and insincerity, and all falsi-
ness or foulness of intentions, especially to perfonated devo-
tion. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*
4. Treachery; perfidy; traitorousness.
King Richard might create a perfect guest,
That great Northumberland, then false to him,
Would of that seed grow to a greater falseness. *Shak. H. IV.*
The prince is in no danger of being betrayed by the falsi-
ness, or cheated by the avarice of such a servant. *Rogers.*
FALSER. *n. f.* [from false.] A deceiver; an hypocrite. Now
obsolete.
Such end had the kid; for he would weaned be
Of craft coloured with simplicity;
And such end, pardie, does all them remain,
That of such falsers friendship been fain. *Spenser's Pastoral.*
FALSIFY. *adv.* [from falsify.] Liable to be counter-
feited or corrupted.
FALSIFICATION. *n. f.* [falsification, French, from falsify.]
1. The act of counterfeiting any thing so as to make it appear
what it is not.
Concerning the word of God, whether it be by miscon-
struction of the sense, or by falsification of the words, witting-
ly to endeavour that any thing may seem divine which is not,
is very plainly to abuse, and even to falsify Divine evidence,
which injury, offered but unto men, is most worthily counted
heinous. *Hooker, b. iii. f. 5.*
To counterfeit the dead image of a king in his coin is an
high offence; but to counterfeit the living image of a king in
his person, exceedeth all falsifications; except it should be that
of a Mahomet, that counterfeits divine honour. *Bacon.*
2. Confutation.
The poet invents this fiction to prevent posterity from
searching after this idle, and to preserve his story from detection
of falsification. *Notes on the Odyssey.*
FALSIFIER. *n. f.* [from falsify.]
1. One that counterfeits; one that makes any thing to seem
what it is not.
It happens in theories built on too obvious or too few ex-
periments, what happens to falsifiers of coin; for counterfeit
money will endure some one proof, others another, but none
of them all proofs. *Boyle.*
2. A liar; one that contrives falsehoods.
Boasters are naturally falsifiers, and the people, of all others,
that put their flames the worst together. *L'Estrange's Fables.*
To FALSIFY. *v. a.* [falsify, French.]
1. To counterfeit; to forge; to produce something for that
which in reality it is not.
We cannot excuse that church, which either through cor-
rupt translations of Scripture, delivered, instead of divine
speeches, any thing repugnant unto that which God speak-
eth; or, through falsified additions, propoeth that to the
people of God as Scripture which is in truth no Scripture.
Hooker, b. v. f. 19.
The Irish bards use to forge and falsify every thing as they
list, to please or displease any man. *Spenser on Ireland.*
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2. To confute; to prove false.
Our Saviour's prophecy stands good in the destruction of
the temple, and the dissolution of the Jewish economy, when
Jews and Pagans united all their endeavours, under Julian the
apostate, to baffle and falsify the prediction. *Addison.*
3. To violate; to break by falshood.
It shall be thy work, thy shameful work, which is in thy
power to shun, to make him live to see thy faith falsified, and
his bed defiled. *Sidney, b. ii.*
He suddenly falsified his faith, and villainously flew Selymes
the king, as he was bathing himself, mistrusting nothing less
than the falshood of the pyrate. *Knolles's History of the Turks.*
This superadds treachery to all the other pestilent ingre-
dients of the crime; 'tis the falsifying the most important
truth. *Dewey of Piety.*
4. To pierce; to run through.
His crest is rais'd away, his ample shield
Is falsify'd, and round with jav'lin's fill'd. *Dryden's Æn.*
Of this word Mr. Dryden writes thus. My friends quar-
relled at the word falsified, as an innovation in our language.
The fact is confessed; for I remember not to have read it in
any English author; though perhaps it may be found in *Spen-
ser's Fairy Queen*. But suppose it be not there: why am I
forbidden to borrow from the Italian, a polished language, the
word which is wanting in my native tongue? Horace has
given us a rule for coining words, *si græco fonte cadant*, espe-
cially when other words are joined with them which explain
the sense. I use the word falsified, in this place, to mean that
the shield of Turnus was not of proof against the spears and
javelins of the Trojans, which had pierced it through and
through in many places. The words which accompany this
new one, makes my meaning plain:
Ala si l'Urbem d'Anchi era perfetta,
Che mai poter saltar lo in nessun canto. Ariosto, cant. xxvi.
Falsify cannot otherwise be turned than by falsified; for his
shield was falsified, is not English. I might indeed have con-
tented myself with saying his shield was pierced, and bored,
and stuck with javelins. *Dryden.*
Dryden, with all this effort, was not able to naturalize the
new signification, which I have never seen copied, except
once by some obscure nameless writer, and which indeed de-
serves not to be received.
To FALSIFY. *v. n.* To tell lies; to violate truth.
This point have we gained, that it is absolutely and uni-
versally unlawful to lie and falsify. *South's Sermons.*
FALSITY. *n. f.* [falsitas, Latin.]
1. Falshood; contrariety to truth.
Neither are they able to break through those errors,
whereas they are so determinately settled, that they pay unto
falsity the whole sum of whatsoever love is owing unto God's
truth. *Hooker, b. v. f. 49.*
Can you on him such falsities obtrude?
And as a mortal the most wise delude? *Sandys's Paraphrase.*
Probability does not properly make any alteration, either in
the truth or falsity of things; but only imports a different de-
gree of their clearness or appearance to the understanding.
South's Sermons.
2. A lie; an error; a false assertion or position.
That Danubius ariseth from the Pyrenean hills, that the
earth is higher towards the North, are opinions truly charged
on Aristotle by the restorer of Epicurus, and all easily con-
futable falsities. *Glavin. Scipio. a. 20.*
To FALTER. *v. n.* [falter, to be wanting, Spanish; vacilla-
tur, a flammer, Icelandic, which is probably a word from
the same radical.]
1. To hesitate in the utterance of words.
With faltering tongue, and trembling ev'ry vein,
Tell on, quoth she. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
The pale assistants on each other star'd,
With gaping mouths for issuing words prepar'd;
The still-born sounds upon the palate hung,
And dy'd imperfect on the faltering tongue. *Dryden.*
He changes, gods! and falters at the question:
His fears, his words, his looks declare him guilty. *Smith.*
2. To fail in any act of the body.
This earth shall have a feeling; and these stones
Prove armed soldiers, ere her native king
Shall falter under foul rebellious arms. *Shakel. Richard II.*
3. To fail in any act of the understanding.
How far idiots are concerned in the want or weakness of
any or all faculties, an exact observation of their several ways
of faltering would discover. *Locke.*
To FALTER. *v. a.* To sit; to cleanse. This word seems to
be merely ruffick or provincial.
Barley for malt must be bold, dry, sweet, and clean faltered
from foulness, feeds and oats. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
FALTERINGLY. *adv.* [from falter.] With hesitation; with
difficulty; with feebleness.
To FAMBLE. *v. a.* [fambler, Danish.] To hesitate in the
speech. This word I find only in *Skinner*.
FAME. *n. f.* [fama, Latin; φάμα, Dorick.]
1. Celebrity; renown.

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- The house to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding
magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries.
1 Chron. xxii. 5.
The desire of fame will not suffer endowments to lie use-
less. *Addison's Spectator.*
What is this fame, for which we thoughts employ,
The owner's wife, which other men enjoy? *Pope.*
2. Report; rumour.
We have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in
Egypt. *Jos. ix. 9.*
I shall shew what are true famers. *Bacon.*
FAM'D. *adj.* [from fama.] Renowned; celebrated; much
talked of.
He is fam'd for mildness, peace and prayer. *Shak. H. VI.*
He purposes to seek the Clarian god,
Avoiding Delphos, his more fam'd abode,
Since Phlegyan robbers made unsafe the road. *Dryden.*
Aristides was an Athenian philosopher, fam'd for his learn-
ing and wisdom; but converted to Christianity. *Addison.*
FAM'LESS. *adj.* [from fama.] Without fame; without re-
nown.
Then let me, fam'less, love the fields and woods,
The fruitful water'd vales and running floods. *May's Virgil.*
FAMILIAR. *adj.* [familiaris, Latin.]
1. Domestick; relating to a family.
They range familiar to the dome. *Pope.*
2. Affable; not formal; easy in conversation.
Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar. *Shak. Hamlet.*
Be not too familiar with Poin; for he misuses thy favours
so much, that he swears thou art to marry his sister Nell. *Shak.*
3. Unceremonious; free, as among persons long acquainted.
Kalandar freight thought he saw his niece Parthenia, and
was about in such familiar sort to have spoken unto her; but
she, in grave and honourable manner, gave him to understand
that he was mistaken. *Sidney.*
4. Well known; brought into knowledge by frequent practice
or custom.
I see not how the Scripture could be possibly made familiar
unto all, unless far more should be read in the people's hear-
ing than by a sermon can be opened. *Hooker, b. v. f. 22.*
Let us chuse such limbs of noble counsel,
That the great body of our state may go
In equal rank with the best govern'd nation;
That war, or peace, or both at once, may be
As things acquainted and familiar to us. *Shakel. Henry IV.*
Our sweet
Recess, and only consolation left
Familiar to our eyes! *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xi.*
One idea which is familiar to the mind, connected with
others which are new and strange, will bring those new ideas
into easy remembrance. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*
5. Well acquainted with; accustomed; habituated by custom.
Or chang'd at length, and to the place conform'd
In temper and in nature, will receive
Familiar the fierce heat, and void of pain. *Milton's P. Lost.*
The senses at first let in particular ideas; and the mind, by
degrees, growing familiar with some of them, they are lodged
in the memory, and names got to them. *Locke.*
He was amazed how so impotent and groveling an insect
as I could entertain such inhuman ideas, and in so familiar a
manner, as to appear wholly unmoved at all the scenes of
blood and desolation. *Gulliver's Travels.*
Patient permit the sadly-pleasing strain;
Familiar now with grief, your tears refrain. *Pope's Odyssey.*
6. Common; frequent.
To a wrong hypothesis, may be reduced the errors
that may be occasioned by a true hypothesis, but not rightly
understood: there is nothing more familiar than this. *Locke.*
7. Easy; unconstrained.
He unreins
His muse, and sports in loose familiar strains. *Addison.*
8. Too nearly acquainted.
A poor man found a priest familiar with his wife, and be-
cause he spake it abroad, and could not prove it, the priest
sued him for defamation. *Camden.*
FAMILIAR. *n. f.*
1. An intimate; one long acquainted.
The king is a noble gentleman, and my familiar. *Shakel.*
When he finds himself avoided and neglected by his fami-
liars, this affects him. *Rogers, Sermon 10.*
2. A demon supposed to attend at call.
Love is a familiar; there is no evil angel but love. *Shakel.*
FAMILIARITY. *n. f.* [familiarité, French, from familiar.]
1. Easiness of conversation; omission of ceremony; affability.
2. Acquaintance; habitude.
We contract at last such an intimacy and familiarity with
them, as makes it difficult and irksome for us to call off our
minds. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
3. Easy intercourse.
They say any mortals may enjoy the most intimate familia-
rity with these gentle spirits. *Pope.*